

*Celebration of Life for*  
*Missionary Carolyn Yvonne Smith*



*Sunrise April 21, 1940 - Sunset January 29, 2017*

*The Greater Mingleton Temple C.O.G.I.C.*  
*1222 Market St.*

*Oakland, CA. 94607*

*Tuesday, February 7, 2017, 11:00am*

*Bishop Michael Johnson , Host Pastor*  
*Chief Officiant Bishop J.W. Macklin*



# Celebration of Life

## *Missionary Carolyn Yvonne Smith*

*Master & Mistress of Ceremony*  
*Elder Sean Evans*  
&  
*Missionary Gail Webb-Goodwin*

Musical Prelude.....Minister Devin Watkins  
*Minister of Music*

Processional.....Clergy & Family

Invocation.....Superintendent James E. Bobo  
*Senior Pastor, Greater Galilee COGIC*

Scripture Readings.....Old Testament.....Elder Willie Stinson  
.....New Testament.....Elder Calvin Watkins

Selection.....Carolyn Y. Smith Memorial Choir  
*Daryl Norman & Arteria Davenport, Directors*

Expressions.....State Supervisor Diane Myler  
*California Northeast Ecclesiastical Jurisdiction*  
Mother Barbara McElhaney  
*Mingleton Temple*  
Missionary Gloria Riley-Jones  
Missionary Alice Evans  
Missionary Carolyn Galbraith  
*First Lady, Northern California First Jurisdiction*

Selection.....Carolyn Y. Smith Memorial Choir  
*Daryl Norman & Arteria Davenport, Directors*

Tribute.....Mercy Care Retirement Center Representative

Family Tributes.....Chasya Nicole Jones, Niece  
Dr. Joya Chavarin, Niece  
District Missionary Bernice Webb Bates, 1<sup>st</sup> Cousin



Selection.....Lennie Williams  
*World Renowned Recording Artist*

Reflections  
Dedicated Friends..... Pastor Jonathan McGriff  
*Revival Center COGIC*  
Sister Gwen McWilliams  
Joyce Sneed, Director  
*California Northwest State Reunion Choir*

Acknowledgement of Condolences.....Missionary Pamela Martin Bobo

Resolutions  
Obituary.....Missionary Alfern Webb-Brown

Selection.....Miko Marks  
*Recording Artist*

Words of Expression / Ministry.....Pastor Ronald Thompson  
*Prayer Tower COGIC*  
Pastor Jacob Perry Jr.  
*Nash Temple Revival Center COGIC*  
Bishop James Watkins  
*Jack London Square Chapel COGIC*

Words of Comfort  
Introduction of Eulogist.....Bishop Michael Johnson  
*Senior Pastor, Greater Mingleton Temple COGIC*  
*Presiding Prelate, California Northeast Jurisdiction*

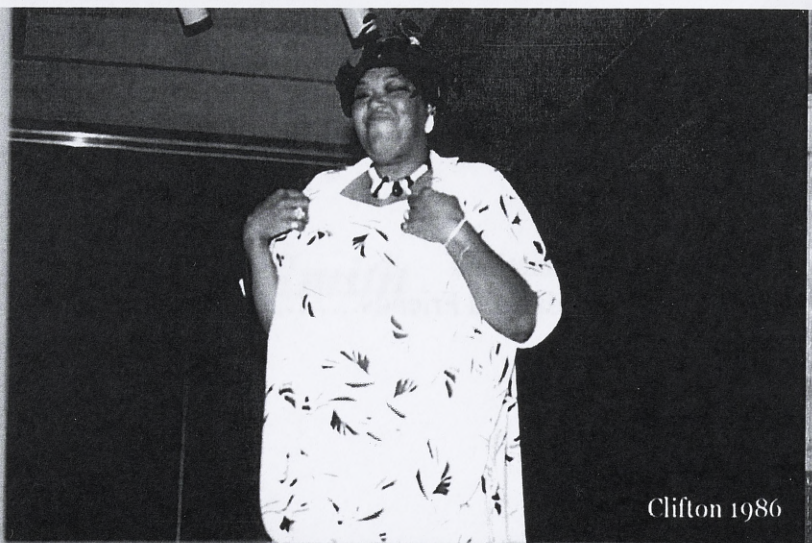
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Eulogy.....Bishop Jerry Wayne Macklin  
*Senior Pastor, Glad Tidings Church of God in Christ*  
*Presiding Prelate, Northern California Jurisdiction*  
*Second Assistant Presiding Bishop, Church of God in Christ, Inc.*

A Final Glimpse til Glory.....C.P. Bannon Funeral Staff in Charge

Recessional.....

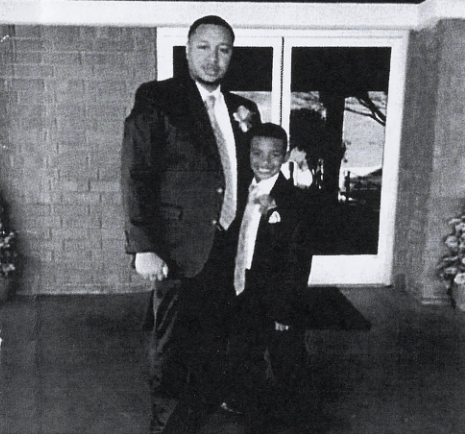




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## *Celebrating the Life of*

### *Missionary Carolyn Yvonne Smith*

Carolyn Yvonne Smith was born on April 21, 1940 to her beloved parents, Aline Lorraine Taylor and Louis Charles Smith in a little town called Bloomburg, Texas. Carolyn was also beloved by her grandparents, aunts and uncles because she was the First born baby in their families. As a young child she was nicknamed "Tutty". As such, there remains much disagreement as to who gave her this name; but it was either her Aunt Flora or Uncle Jr. who affectionately called her Tutty, and this name has remained with her throughout her life.

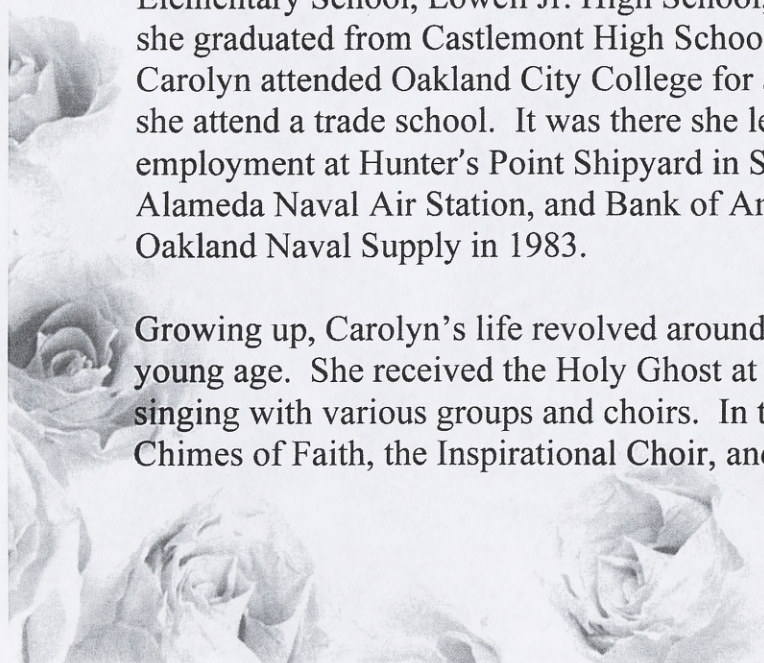
In 1942, her grandparents, Bernice and Ruth Young moved to Oakland, California to set up housing before sending for the rest of their family. Aline, along with Carolyn; her sister, Alfern and brother, Bernice Jr. arrived in California in April 1943.

Upon arrival to California the family attended church on 8<sup>th</sup> & Peralta, under the leadership of the Late Bishop Isaac Finley. They would later attend Powerhouse Church of God in Christ, pastored by the Late Elder Ira J. Mingleton. After the death of Dad Mingleton, the church was renamed Mingleton Temple Church of God in Christ under the pastorage of the Late Elder V. F. Deavers. Tuttie remained faithful throughout the current pastorage of Bishop Michael Johnson.

In 1947 Carolyn's mother met a handsome young man, "The Love of Her Life", by the name of Charles Lothlen II. On July 24, 1948, they became husband and wife. Not only did Carolyn gain a wonderful dad, but to this union four more children were born; three brothers and one sister: Charles Daniel III, Donna Lanae, Leonard Bernard and Darryl Eugene.

While growing up, Carolyn attended public schools in Oakland. She attended Cole Elementary School, Lowell Jr. High School, Oakland Technical High School, and as a senior, she graduated from Castlemont High School in 1958. After graduating from high school, Carolyn attended Oakland City College for a short time. Her grandmother later suggested that she attend a trade school. It was there she learned Key punch. This skill led her to employment at Hunter's Point Shipyard in San Francisco, Oakland Naval Supply, the Alameda Naval Air Station, and Bank of America. She later returned to and retired from Oakland Naval Supply in 1983.

Growing up, Carolyn's life revolved around church. She gave her life to Christ at a very young age. She received the Holy Ghost at 18 years old. One of her greatest passions was singing with various groups and choirs. In the local church, she sang with a group called the Chimes of Faith, the Inspirational Choir, and the Women's Choir. She also





sung with the award-winning California Northwest State Youth Choir led by Missionary Joyce Sneed, the Northern California State Choir led by the late Rev. Eric Lyons. She also sang with Reverend Tex Butler with the Angels of Mercy and the Miracle Sisters.

Throughout her life, Tutty had many many friends. She always had a tender heart towards children and seniors. She nurtured and cared for many children including her grandson, Jason Washington; godchildren, Kim Riley, Peter Harris and Chasya Jones; and her many many nieces and nephews.

At church, the young people called her 'Mom' and 'Auntie'. Many of the senior citizens still referred to her as their 'Little Tutty'. She was also blessed to have accumulated many friends from all over the United States whom she referred to as her brothers and sisters; including our Presiding Bishop Charles E. Blake whom she has known since their youth.

Carolyn oversaw a number of ministries at Mingleton Temple including the Youth Choir and the Purity Class. She served as President of the Inspirational choir, and spear-headed the Caring & Sharing Ministry which catered to Seniors and supported the church Feeding Program. She also served on the Usher Board and Deaconess Board. She always worked in the church, believing in doing whatever her hands could find to do.

Carolyn had been a member of the Mingleton Temple COGIC since she was 3 years old, making her a long-standing member of 74 years. This is a testimony of how much she loved God, her family and her church!

Carolyn became ill December 2015 and was admitted to Summit Hospital. She was transferred to Mercy Retirement Care Center for rehabilitation and strength building. Her desire was to return home to her beloved mother, Aline Lothlen. She returned home in July 2016 for a short period of time. Due to multiple health issues, she was readmitted to Summit Hospital. Carolyn was transferred back to Mercy Retirement Care Center where she transitioned from Earth to Glory early in the morning on Sunday, January 29, 2017.

Carolyn was preceded in death by her father, Charles D. Lothlen II; her siblings, Darryl Eugene, Charles 'Mickey' and her only sister, Donna Lanae.

Carolyn leaves to cherish fond memories, a loving and devoted mother, Aline L. Lothlen; her brother, Elder Leonard B. Lothlen, Sr. (Donna Jean); A host of nieces, Dr. Joya Chavarin (William Sr.), Chasya Nicole Jones, Brittni Lothlen (Keenan Jackson), Mariah Lothlen (Damario Hollier); her nephew, Leonard Lothlen Jr; her great-nieces; Zharia, Aerial and Riley; her great-nephews, Willaim, Samuel, Isaiah, Nash and Roosevelt, god-sisters; Trina Clifton Haynes and Pamela Edwards, and a host of cousins, Church Family and friends.



### ***Active Pallbearers***

William Chavarin  
Quincy Shepherd

Damario Hollier  
Gregory Taylor

Keenan Jackson  
Mark Hayes

### ***Honorary Pallbearers***

Pastor Jonathan McGriff  
Pastor Jacob Perry

Brother Clemon Riley  
Pastor Ronald Thompson

Brother Calvin Watkins  
Bishop James Watkins

### ***He's Set Me Free!***

*Don't Grieve for me now, I'm Free! I'm following the path God laid for me; I took His hand when I heard Him call, I turned my back and left it all. I could not stay another day, to laugh, to love, to work or play; Tasks left undone must stay that way, I found that peace at the close of the day. If my parting has left a void, then fill it with remembered joy, a friendship shared, a laugh, a kiss, Ah yes, these things I too shall miss. Be not burdened with times of sorrow, I wish you sunshine of tomorrow. My life's been full, I've savored much, good friends, good times, a loved ones' touch; Perhaps my time seemed all too brief, don't lengthen it now with undo grief. Lift your heads and share with me, God wanted me now – He's set me Free!*

### ***Acknowledgements***

The family of Carolyn Y. Smith wishes to express their sincere appreciation for each act of kindness that has been expressed through your cards, flowers, food, prayers, presence, and words of encouragement. A sincere thank you to all who appeared on program. Your devotions and prayers have strengthened and blessed us much more than you could ever imagine. May God richly bless you!

The Lothlen Family

### ***Special Acknowledgements***

Joel Clifton of Joel Clifton Photography  
Missionary Barbara Marie Webb  
Mercy Retirement Care Center  
Brother Neal Vannoy  
Daryl Norman, Arteria Davenport and Musicians for "The Carolyn Y. Smith Memorial Choir"

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Pastor Jonathan McGriff  
Brother Neville Bowens

### ***Final Arrangements***

C.P. Bannon Mortuary  
6800 International Blvd.  
Oakland, CA 94621

### ***Interment***

Mountain View Cemetery  
5000 Piedmont Avenue  
Oakland, CA 94611

A Repast with the family of Carolyn Y. Smith will be held at

***Mingleton Temple C.O.G.I.C.***

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